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SUBJECT: GAMASY REQUEST FOR APCS

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1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, DISCUSSION BETWEEN SECRETARY BROWN AND SADAT IN WASHINGTON WAS INCONCLUSIVE ON THE MATTER OF APCS. IT WAS SECRETARY BROWN WHO RECALLED THAT SADAT HAD EARLIER ASKED FOR APCS AND OPINED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, AND QUESTION THEN AROSE AMONG DOD OFFICIALS PRESENT WHETHER APC REQUIRES OMC LICENSING. SADAT, AS I RECALL, SIMPLY LISTENED AND DID NOT COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. DOD TEAM, WHICH HAS JUST CONCLUDED ITS MISSION, CONFINED ITS STUDY TO F-5E AND C-130 PROBLEMS. QUESTION OF APCS APPARENTLY DID NOT ARISE.

2. LAST EVENING, HOWEVER, GENERAL GAMASY RAISED THE MATTER WITH ME. HE SAID THAT IN HIS MEMORANDUM TO SADAT RE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY, APCS ARE INCLUDED. WHEN I EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND NOTED THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAD RECENTLY SPOKEN TO ME OR

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TO DATT ABOUT APCS, GAMASY RECALLED THAT THEY HAD BEEN INCLUDED ON ARMS LIST GIVEN TO SECRETARY VANCE IN APRIL, 1977. HE HAD ALSO ASKED SADAT TO RAISE THE MATTER DURING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND ASSUMED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE. SADAT HAD APPARENTLY TOLD HIM OF SECRETARY BROWN'S SEEMINGLY POSITIVE STATEMENT ON APCS. GAMASY SAID EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON HAD

BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW THIS UP. IF THE NUMBER ON THE ORIGINAL EGYPTIAN LIST IS TOO GREAT, HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ANY NUMBER THAT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. HE DID NOT WANT THE APCS TO CAUSE ANY "TROUBLE", BUT NOTED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF AMERICAN-MANUFACTURED APCS WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE ARMY. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HE THOUGHT THE F-5ES, ADDITIONAL C-130S AND THE APCS OUGHT TO BE HANDLED IN ONE PACKAGE. FROM A FINANCING POINT OF VIEW, THIS WOULD MAKE IT A LOT EASIER.

3. I TOLD GAMASY THAT I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

4. COMMENT: I APPRECIATE NEA'S CONCERN ABOUT MOVING BEYOND F-5 AND C-130 ISSUES, BUT WONDER ABOUT APCS NOW THAT GAMASY HAS AGAIN RAISED THE MATTER. SECRETARY BROWN'S PERTINENT COMMENTS TO SADAT WERE POSITIVE AND, WHILE SADAT MADE NO COMMENT, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HE CAME BACK WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO MOVE ON APCS. I DO NOT KNOW IF EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DOD ON THIS MATTER. IF IT IS STILL DEEMED POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE SOME APCS IN PACKAGE, THIS WOULD CLEARLY BE HELPFUL. IF NOT, I WOULD APPRECIATE SOME INDICATION OF WHEN WE THINK IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MOVE AHEAD ON APCS.

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5. HAD NO OPPORTUNITY BRIEF DATT, BG PFAUTZ, ON ABOVE CONVERSATION PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON THIS MORNING, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE NEA CONTACTING HIM AT DIA AND ADVISING HIM OF GAMASY'S COMMENTS RE APCS. HAVE INFORMED ACTING DATT ABOUT MY TALK WITH GAMASY AND AUTHORIZED HIM REPORT TO DOD FACT THAT MINWAR STILL INTERESTED IN APCS. EILTS

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